

**SAN DIEGO DX CLUB**

# **BULLETIN**



**June 2003**

Join us at  
Jim Stevenson's home for our June meeting.  
Lunch will be provided by the club  
Activities start about noon.  
For more info, contact Arnie at  
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**See a Demonstration of the  
State Communications Van at  
the meeting!!**

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# Words from our "outgoing" Prez!



## Arnie Lewin W7BIA

Is it wise to quote the late President Nixon? If we remember, it was he that said: "*You won't have Nixon to kick around anymore, because gentlemen, this is my last press conference.*" Gentlemen (and gentle ladies), this is my last diatribe for our newsletter and you won't have me to kick around anymore.

Well, it has been a great year for the club. I have intimidated a few members into coming to the meetings, we are meeting at the home of one of our members and we have had some excellent programs.

What? You say...how can I take credit for the programs? It is the vice president that is charged with the programs. Simple. As in every organization, the president takes all the credit for the work of his subordinates and, ladies gentlemen, I am no exception.

Under my command, we surpassed expectations in last year's Field Day and we are on the verge of breaking all those records in just a few days.

Under my command, we continue to be fiscally sound and flush with funds.

We continue to be one of the best radio clubs in Southern California and continue to be one of the oldest...especially as I stood in front of the members at the meetings and I felt that I was above the clouds, as there was a sea of white hair all around.

But really, I hardly did any of it. It was the help and advice of our vice-president, K6AM, our secretary-treasurer, W6YOO, and the remaining Board of Directors. I, like some presidents, am simply a "spokesman" and it is Board of Directors that do all the work. Where would we be without them?

And, last but not at all least, where would this club be without the tireless effort of NZ6T as newsletter editor and SDDXC Webmaster. A sincere and heartfelt thank you.

It is in that vein, that I declare my term finished and will hand the gavel and the reins over to K6AM, who I have groomed for the post...NOT.

Thanks to everyone for all your help and kindness. It has been a great year and one that has gone by way too fast.

## Our June Program!!

### A Contest Expedition to ZF

With John, K6AM, and Bud N7CW

Take a great Island vacation spot with great restaurants, warm weather year round, and an offshore bank on every corner. Add to that a friendly gang of local hams with a club station with four towers with a great shot to both EU and JA. And for good measure place a supermarket, a Home Depot and a Radio Shack conveniently on the way to the station. What you got is a killer place to do a major contest.

Bud and John were joined by Ned Stearns, AA7A, and Lee Finkle, KY7M for the recent WPX CW contest. While everyone in San Diego was whining about the poor conditions, our boys were rackin' up the Q's with good conditions all weekend. This was John's fifth trip to the island, while the rest of the team got their first taste of paradise. Join us this month for a short slide show and a few war stories.

**This month is election month!! Make your voice heard!**

# TREASURER'S REPORT

March 31, 2002

Balance as of Apr. 30, 2003: \$2,881.84

Income:

Regular Dues: 20.00

TOTAL: 20.00

Expenses:

Equipment Insurance: 51.88

Speaker's Cup (WA6PY) 12.93

TOTAL: 64.81

Balance as of May 31, 2003: \$2,837.03

Petty Cash on Hand: 20.00

Total Checking & Petty Cash: \$2,857.03

## MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING

May 28, 2003

The Board of the San Diego DX Club met at the call of the Club President at 5:00 PM, May 28, 2003 at the Hind Quarter Restaurant. There was a quorum of the board present:

The first item of business was the development of a slate of officers for the 2003-2004 club year. Such slate to be presented to the members assembled at the May meeting. The nominees are:

President: John Barcroft, K6AM

VP: Jim Price, K6ZH

Secy/Tres: Harry Hodges, W6YOO

Board Members:

Leon Helms, N6VS – 1 Year

Bud Semon, N7CW – 2 Years

Terry Baxter, N6CW – 3 Years

At the end of the Club year, President Arnie Lewin, W7BIA, would assume the position of Immediate Past President.

The second item of business was the matter of the addition of a Life Member category with life membership valued at 10 times annual dues. This proposal would be presented to the membership at the next meeting.

There being no further business, the Board meeting was adjourned at 5:30 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

HARRY A. HODGES

Secretary/Treasurer

## CLUB MEETING MINUTES

May 28, 2003

The San Diego DX Club held its regular monthly meeting on May 28, 2003 and the Hindquarter Restaurant. President Arnie, W7BIA called the meeting to order at 6:40 PM. There were 23 members and guests present.

During the DX Roundtable, sailor/dxer Clark Straw, N5XX was introduced. K6AM and crew talked about their recent contest expedition to the Cayman Islands and John, K6AM introduced the Total Band Countries Top Twenty with the top spot going to Rick, N6ND with 2687 TBC.

The proposed slate of officers for the 2003-2004 club year was present to the membership and a call was made for nominations from the floor. There were none. The election will be held at the June meeting with those elected taking office on July 1, 2003.

The proposed Life Membership category was presented to the membership. Affirmative votes failed to reach the two-thirds majority needed to change the club constitution and thus the motion failed.

The membership approved the expenditure of up to \$150.00 for Field Day.

The membership approved the expenditure of up to \$100.00 for snacks and beverages for the June meeting, which will be held on Saturday, June 21, 2003 at the home of Jim Stevenson, W6YI.

## PROGRAM:

Paul Chominski, WA6PY on the subject of "moon bounce "or" EME communication, presented the evening's program. With a succession of slide photographs and charts, Paul, outlined what was involved in the aspect of the Amateur Radio hobby, certainly a fascinating presentation. Our President Arnie, W7BIA, presented Paul with a club coffee mug.

Collecting for dinner was Erich Bennett, K6LKK. Thanks Erich

## ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:10 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

HARRY A. HODGES, W6YOO

Secretary/Treasurer

## Notice for the July Issue!!

All articles MUST be to the editor by July 5!!  
Tuck will be on vacation from July 12 thru the 28th, and would like to get the newsletter out BEFORE he leaves.

# THE SDDXC TOP 10 (EXPANDED VERSION)

By John, K6AM



Total Band Countries Worked!!!

6/03	6/02	CALL	ZNS	C-D	CFM	WKD	CHG
1.	1.	N6ND	349	1373	1408	2687	+41
2.	2.	W6KUT	349	2345	2429	2607	-
3.	3.	K6AM		2454	2487	2543	+2
4.	4.	K6TQ	370	2475	2475	2475	+107
5.	6.	N6CW	348	1649	1652	2401	+100
6.	5.	W6YA	348	?	?	2389	+36
7.	7.	W6EUF	2029	2092	2299	-	
8.	8.	N6AW	348	2136	2184	2241	-
9.	9.	N7CW	344	1213	1213	2091	+95
10.	10.	K6XT	340	?	?	1931	-
11.	11.	W6YOO	282	1904	1928	1928	+57
12.	12.	N6XJ		1111	1272	1791	-
13.	13.	K6ZH	284	1542	1559	1723	+27
14.	16.	W6SHY	247	1464	1474	1626	+68
15.	14.	K6KT		763	786	1619	-
16.	15.	K0YW		1480	1502	1576	-
17.	17	W6BS		1012	1131	1553	+276
18.	19.	WN6K		792	809	1391	+123
19.	-	W6YI		1340	1340	1340	NEW
20.	18	W6CN		1206	1228	1314	-

The new DXCC Challenge award continues to fuel interest in the TBC category, the granddaddy of DX'ing. With the recent addition of 30 M, there are now ARRL awards in place for every band. Those who are rich enough to do that much QSL'ing are signing up for these awards in droves. Locally, more huge jumps again this year mostly on the wide-open WARC bands. Rick, N6ND takes number one for the second year with the highest score I've seen on the West Coast. For the TBC list, we are showing the first 20 places to accommodate the large number of entries in this category.

Each month, we will publish a top ten list for one of the lesser-recognized but hard won categories. Coming up next, 6/160 and RTTY followed by phone and CW. Please send me your totals for each band and mode throughout the year and you will be listed in coming months. My address is 4286 Farley Ct., San Diego, CA 92122, or bring 'em to the meeting.

## San Diego DX Club Policy on content of DX Bulletin and/or E-mail Reflector

The San Diego DX Club, a group of Amateur Radio operators, interested in the art of Dxing, publish a monthly newsletter, and maintains an e-mail reflector where members and officers can post information of interest to other members.

Our policy is to print and/or post only information that is related to Amateur Radio, and not items of a political or religious nature, unless it has an impact on Amateur Radio, such as antenna ordinances, etc.

If a member wishes to have printed/posted any topic that is not Amateur Radio related, they can submit a copy to the club newsletter editor, webmaster, e-mail reflector moderator or any club officer, and the matter will be discussed and decided upon by the Board of Directors.



# 2003 ARRL Southwestern Division Amateur Radio Convention, Long Beach, CA.

[www.hamcon.org](http://www.hamcon.org)

**Save these dates: September 5, 6 & 7, 2003**  
**"Focus Back on the Volunteer"**

VE Testing	Technical Forums	Many PRIZE Drawings
Vendor Exhibits	Wouff Hong	Demonstrations
Saturday Luncheon	Sunday Breakfast	Grand Banquet

## Convention Headquarters: Hilton Long Beach

701 West Ocean Blvd., Long Beach, CA. 90831-3102. For Reservations call 800-445-8667

Mention "HAMCON" for a fantastic rate of \$89 per night double occupancy.

Note: The last day to register and get this rate is August 15, 2003.

### Registration

Registrations post marked by August 1, 2003 \$10.00 Per Registrant Which INCLUDES One Logo Pin  
 Registrations received after August 1, 2003: \$15.00 Per Registrant INCLUDES One Logo Pin while quantities last

Send registrations to Hamcon address below.

**Saturday Night Banquet:** Learn about the making of "Amateur Radio Today", the newest ARRL Video from the people who made it—Dave Bell, W6AQ (Director/Producer), Bill Pasternak, WA6ITF (Producer), Alan Kaul, W6RCL (Writer/Producer), Keith GLISPIE, WA6TFD (Editor). The MC will be Tom Schiller, N6BT, of Force 12 Antennas. Also be sure to see the **Special presentation** by Bill Pasternak, WA6ITF, during attitude adjustment hour preceding the banquet.

### -----Mail-In Convention Registration Form-----

Call Sign: \_\_\_\_\_ Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State/Prov: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP /Postcode \_\_\_\_\_

Your E-Mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Club Affiliation: \_\_\_\_\_

### Please List additional Attendees

No Charge for Children 16 years old or younger. They must be accompanied by a registered adult.

KIDS	ADULT	Call Sign	Name (Please Print Clearly)
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____

*Note: Every attendee must be registered, including the kids*

_____	Registrations	at \$ _____	ea.	= \$ _____
_____	Extra Pins	at \$ 3.00	ea.	= \$ _____
_____	Kids under 16			= Free
_____	Banquet Tickets*	at \$ 35.00	ea.	= \$ _____
*Please indicate preference: ( ) Beef ( ) Chicken ( ) Vegetarian				
_____	Saturday Luncheon	at \$ 20.00	ea.	= \$ _____
_____	Sunday Breakfast	at \$ 17.00	ea.	= \$ _____
	<b>Total Due</b>			= \$ _____

### Staff Use Only

Registration \_\_\_\_\_  
 Date \_\_\_\_\_  
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 Date \_\_\_\_\_  
 Number Pins Given: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Receipt Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Make convention registration checks payable to: **HAMCON Inc.**  
 Mail this form to: **HAMCON Registration, P. O. Box 333, Pomona, CA. 91769-0333**

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## Local VHF Frequencies For Dxers

Frequency	Call	Mode	Other Info
144.415	QRZ?	Simplex	Voice announcing and chat frequency.
144.950	KM6K	Packet	San Diego Central
145.690	K6KT	Packet	North County inland

**Internet DX spots:** send a message to:  
sddxcnews@yahoogroups.com and include all info.  
Info will go to all those on reflector locally.

The packet cluster nodes are privately operated.  
The Sysops have kindly invited the SDDXC members to use  
their equipment.



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